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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Thurſday October 3, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 28.

This Day arrived one Mail from Holland.

Warſaw, Sept. 17.

THEY write from Conſtantinople, that the Turks have made great Progreſs in Georgia and on the Borders of Perſia, without meeting any Reſiſtance; upon which they flatter themſelves with the Hope of being ſoon in a Condition not only to poſſeſs themſelves of Iſpahan, the Capital of Perſia, but alſo to oblige the Ruſſians to abandon their new Conqueſts along the Bank of the Caſpian Sea.

The ſame Advices ſay, the Porte has cauſed to be intimate to the Reſident of Ruſſia, that the Emperor his Maſter muſt withdraw his Troops from that Country; and that if he ſhould refuſe doing it, the Grand Signior will be obliged to break the Peace concluded 'twixt the two Empires.

Hanover, October 1. The K. of Great Britain will ſet out the Beginning of next Week for Berlin.

Hamburg, October 1. Letters from Stockholm dated the 22 of laſt Month, ſay that the King and Queen of Sweden were both ſo ill, that the Court Phyſicians attended them conſtantly.

Florence, Sept. 14. On the 9th Inſtant the Great Duke was taken with a Fever, which was followed by an Hereſipelus on his Thigh: The 10th Inſtant at Night his Royal Highneſs was troubled with a Stoppage of Urine, but he was eaſed by the Means of a Syringe. The Abp. of Piſa is now arrived, to receive the laſt ſecret Will of that Prince, as is alſo the Princeſs Palatine and the Dowager.

London, Sept. 28. The Forces encamped in Hide Park, and all thoſe in the Country, are to decamp next Monday.

S. S. Stock, 111, 7 8ths.

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Continuation of the Czar's Cavalcade.

The 26th being the Virgin Mary's Aſſumption Day, their Majeſties gave a ſplendid Feaſt to the Nobility of the Court, there being 2 Tables, each ſpread for 72 Gueſts; at one of which ſate the Czar and his Lords, and at the other the Czarina and her Ladies. In the Evening the Czar carried the Foreign Miniſters in Coach to ſee the great Reſervatory which ſupplies his Water-works, and lies about 2 Miles from Peterſhoff; here is a curious Water-mill, which was built in 10 Months Time by a Dutchman, and ſhews the Projector to be a very able Mechanick. 'Tis to be hoped he was well rewarded, tho' he ſince has obtained Leave to return to his native Country.

After they had ſeen the Reſervatory, the Czar carried them to ſee the Canal from whence 'tis ſupplied, and told them that it was 27 Miles in Length, that it was dug in 2 Months Time, and that it derived its Water from the Conjunction of 2 little Brooks; but that the completing of this Work ſo ſoon, was very much owing to the natural Deſcent of the Ground.

Then they went back again to the Mill and to the Reſervatory, from whence the Czar carried them to Peterſhoff upon the Canal, which go to the very Foot of the Houſe, and ſupplies it with all its Water. On the 27th the *Little Grandfather* was convey'd thither; but the Wind blowing pretty hard, the Flotilla could not keep together, ſo that the Foreign Miniſters could not return hither till the 28th.

Hanover, Sept. 24. An Expreſs is arrived here from M. de St. Saphorin, the Britiſh Miniſter at Prague; upon which an extraordinary Cabinet Council was held; but the Reports of either the Diſpatches or Reſolutions is kept ſecret: Mean while its reported, that the Emperor perſiſts in his Reſolution to ſtand by the India Company which he has erected in the Auſtrian Netherlands. The Count de Metſch is expected here ſpeedily with a Commiſſion from the Emperor relating to the Affairs of Religion.

From the Flying Poſt.

Rome, Sept. 14. The Pretender went laſt Saturday to compliment the Cardinal Alberoni, whoſe Affair is accommodated ſo much to his Satisfaction, That in the next Conſiſtory he expects to receive his Hat from the Pontiff's own Hands; for in the laſt Conſiſtory, there were Letters read in his Favours, one from the King of Spain and another from the Duke of Orleans; he has made a formal Reſignation of the Biſhoprick of Malaga to Cardinal Conti, and has likewiſe delivered him all the Papers which he had ready for his Defence. 'Tis ſaid that one of the Terms on which the Court of Madrid conſents to the Cardinal's having the Hat, is that he never return to Spain. 'Tis ſuppoſed that the Pope will grant him a Penſion out of the Biſhoprick of Malaga; and that the King of Spain will not be againſt it, provided there be a Salvo of his Catholick Majeſty's Right to diſpoſe of one third Part of its Revenues as he thinks fit. 'Tis ſaid the Pretender has ſent a certain Lord to Madrid with a ſecret Commiſſion.

Naples, Sept. 7. A Painter here who had two Wives, and cohabited with each in her Turn unknown to the other, is condemned to the Gallies.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Paris, October 2. The Report we had of his Majeſty's coming to paſs the Winter here, meets now with Contradiction, ſince its aſſured he will continue at Verſailles. The 11th paſt was hanged at Beauvais, a Woman accuſed and con-

convicted of ſetting Fire to the Village of Fenqueres. We learn from Strasburg, That on the Arrival of the Princeſs (Sobieski) Turenne, ſhe was ſaluted by a tripple Diſcharge of the Cannon, and that her Marriage had been conſummated; and ſhe is now a Subject of France, the Court has ſent a Courier, Expreſs, not to fire the Cannon at her Departure.

Prague, Sept. 20. When ſome Deputies of the States of this Kingdom were admitted the 7th Inſtant to Audience of their Imperial Majeſties, they preſented a Purſe of 10000 Gold Ducats in Specie to the Emperor, and another of 3000 to the Empreſs, by way of a free Gift, on Occaſion of their Coronation. The Jews of this City have alſo preſented to the Emperor a Purſe of 10000 Ducats in the Name of their Nation, and during 8 Days they adorned their Synagogue with Tapeſtry embroidered with Gold and Pearls, and cauſed Gold and Silver to be thrown away among the People, and gave great Charities as well to Chriſtians as Jews. The Emperor, before his Departure for Brandeis, made 93 new Chamberlains of the Golden Key. The Empreſs has been let Blood by way of Precaution.

From the Evening Poſt.

Dublin, Sept. 13.

An Abſtract of the Votes of the Houſe of Commons.

Reſolved, *nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe do on Friday Sen'night, reſolve it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of the Nation, particularly in Relation the Importing and Uttering of Copper Half-pence and Farthings in this Kingdom.

Ordered, an Account to be laid before the Houſe of the Quantity of Copper Half-pence and Farthings imported into this Kingdom ſince Chriſtmaſs laſt, and when and by whom they were ſo imported.

A Motion being made, that a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow at Twelve a Clock, reſolve it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to take the ſaid Motion into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Lord Lieutenant, that he will be pleaſed to give Direction, That the Eſtabliſhments Civil and Military be laid before the Houſe.

From the Flying Poſt, Sept. 28.

Florence, September 14. The Grand Duke has not only had an Ague, but has a Stoppage of his Urine, and has been ſyringed by a famous Profeſſor of Anatomy, for St. Anthony's Fire in his Leg. He had yeſterday 38 Ounces of Water taken from him, and began to find ſome Relief; but this Day the Inflammations began to gather, ſo that his Life is in very great Danger; and the French and Spaniſh Miniſters have ſent Advice of it to their Courts by Expreſſes. The People are alarmed to the laſt Degree, and Prayers are not only put up in the Churches for his Recovery, but a Stop is put to all publick Shews; and his Miniſtry, who expect to hear of his Death every Moment, have frequent Conferences with the Senate. The Arch-Biſhop of Piſa, who is the eldeſt Confident the Duke has living, is juſt come hither, being ſent for by his Highneſs to receive his laſt Secrets.

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Milan, September 16. The Florentines are in a World of Affliction, for fear, that upon the Death of the Great Duke; the Spirit of Faction will revive. Cardinal Alberoni has played his Cards so cunningly, that what with the Counsels of a certain Cardinal, and the Mediation of the Pretender, he is like to make as great a Figure again as ever; for he has, they say, regained his Ascendant at the Court of Madrid, in so much, that they talk of his Return to Spain, or that if the Infant Don Carlos comes to Italy, he will have the chief Direction of his Affairs.

Prague, September 22. There was a Rumour, That the Duke and Dutchess of Blankenburg were inclined to turn Papists; but we are assured, that all Endeavours to seduce them have hitherto been ineffectual, and that they continue Members of the Lutheran Church.

'Tis said the Emperor is to have a private Interview with the King of Poland and his Son.

Hanover, October 1st. There is a Report here, That the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret is shortly to take a Tour to Hamburg as some say; others will have it, that his Lordship is to go Ambassador extraordinary to the Court of France.

London Gazette, Sept. 28.

Madrid, Sept. 20. For some Time past the Duke and Dutchess of Mirandola have had an Assembly at their House every Night of Persons of the first Rank in Madrid, to which all the Foreign Ministers frequently went. Their House in this Town wanting some Repairs at present, the Duke and Dutchess had borrowed for a few Days another House a little without the Town, belonging to the Count d'Onate, to which they removed about ten Days ago, and where they continued their Assembly: This House stands low, having a large Garden behind it on a rising Ground, the Wall of which almost joins that of the Town: Beyond the Garden there are also other rising Grounds, tho' far from being mountainous. The Assembly there on the 15th Instant, happened to be thinner than usual, by reason of the Illness of the Marquis de los Balbases's Son, which hindred not only the said Marquis and his Lady from being there, but also the Dukes and Dutchesses of Medina Cœli and of Arcos, the Princess Pio and the Ambassadress of Venice, who otherwise seldom failed. The Assembly then consisted only of the Duke and Dutchess of Mirandola, the Duke of Liria, the Duke of Atri, the Pope's Nuncio, the Ambassador of Venice, Prince Pio, the Prince de Cellamare, the Abbot de Grimaldo, Don Tiberio Caraffa, Don Lelio Caraffa, and some few Others; Who being all met as usual, a violent Storm of Thunder and Lightning happened about 9 a-clock; the Dutchess de Mirandola being affrighted, left the Company and went into her Chapel to pray, 3 Rooms from that of the Assembly, tho' upon the same Ground-floor; and about 10 a-clock, a Torrent of Water that had come from the rising Grounds, having broke down the Wall of the Town, did the same to that of the Garden, and in an Instant, broke open the Window-shutters of the Ground Apartment, overturned all the Tables and Lights, and filled the Rooms with Water; when the Dutchess of Mirandola and her Maids were immediately drowned. The Men ran out into the Court-yard before the House, which they found filled with Water, and Prince Pio endeavouring to save himself in the Street, was carried away by the Torrent, and his Body was found the next Day 2 Leagues from Madrid. Don Tiberio Caraffa got upon the Top of a Coach, which overturning by the Force of the Stream, was thrown against another, by which he received a Blow that laid his Head almost open, and he was immediately drowned. The Prince de Cellamare placed himself on another Coach, which likewise overturned; but he had the good Fortune to get again upon the Wheel, where he remained till Help was brought him, yet was extremely bruised, and had swallowed a great Quantity of Water and Sand. The Duke of Liria was running the same Fate with Prince Pio, but being a good deal taller, and seeing by the Help of the Lightning a Window over his Head, he jumped up and got hold of the Iron-grates before it, by which he held till the People in the upper Apartment let down Cords to him, by which they drew him up. The Ambassador of Venice not being able to get out of the Assembly Room, where the Water was Ten Foot high, supported himself for two Hours upon two Chairs that

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ſwam upon the Surface of the Water, till it abated enough for him to get out at the Door. As for the Pope's Nuncio and the Duke de Atri, they had left the Company half an Hour before the Accident happened. The reſt of the Gentlemen were ſaved, but how, not one of them is able to give a particular Account. By the Death of Prince Pio, two very great Employments are become vacant, *viz.* That of Captain General of Catalonia, and Mr. of Horſe to the Princeſs of Aſturias; and by Don Tiberio Caraffa's Death, that of Captain General of Guipuſcoa.

Hanover, October 2. His Majeſty has Declared his Intention of going to Berlin, to return the Viſit lately paid him by the King and Queen of Pruſſia. The Day of his Majeſty's Departure is not fixed.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Conſtantinople, Auguſt 10. We have received a Confirmation of the Congreſs of our Army in Georgia and the Side of Perſia. The Seignior received a few Days ago, a Letter from Meriweys, by which that Uſurper owns his Highneſs to be chief of the Muſſelmen and invites him to join the Forces with his own againſt the Enemies to the Law of Mahomet. As this Letter came to be conſidered in the Divan, the Lawyers, and particularly the Mufti approved of it very much, but the Grand Viſier vigouroufly.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 28.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France with the following Advices.

LEtters from Conſtantinople confirm the Turkiſh Army having got Poſſeſſion of the City of Teflis, and ſeparating afterwards into 2 Bodies, one having taken the City of Euvan, and the other to proceed to the fartheſt Limits of Georgia, whereas, alſo in Perſia, the Ottoman Forces have made ſuch a Progreſs as muſt needs produce a War with the Czar, whoſe firſt Work, 'tis ſuppoſed, will be the Recovery of his beloved Fortreſs Aſoph, (this is an Inlet into the Black Sea) by the Forces which he has in Ukrania, and in the Neighbourhood of Aſtracan; and the Grand Seignior being apprehenſive of this, has ordered Troops and Ammunition, to be immediately ſent thither, and commanded the Baſhaw of Romelia to draw together what Forces he can to put that Fortreſs in a Condition of holding out a Siege.

We are much concerned to ſee the Delays that have been uſed in bringing the Cambray Congreſs to its deſired Iſſue: For ſhould the Duke of Tuſcany depart his Life, which is hourly expected, 'tis feared it will give a diſagreeable Turn of Affairs in that part of Europe.

The Accounts we have from Florence of the Duke's Illneſs are, viz. On the 9th Inſtant in the Morning he was ſeiz'd with a Fever accompany'd at Night with an Inflamation in his Thigh. On the 10th his Royal Highneſs had a Fit of the Gravel. On the 11th there were taken from him 30 Ounces of Water. On the 12th the Inflammation began to draw to a Head. They add, that all publick Shews are forbid, and Prayers are made in all the Churches, that his Royal Highneſs has ſent for his old Confident the Archbiſhop of Piſa to receive his private Thoughts before he dye, which the Miniſtry expect every Moment, and are often in Conference with the Senate.

Letters from Milan of the 16th, remark that Cardinal Alberoni has in this nice Juncture managed this Abilities with ſo much Succeſs in promoting the Intereſt of the Court of Spain, that he is ſaid to be in as much Eſteem as ever at that Court, and moreover, 'its ſaid that if he does not return to Spain, he will remain at Rome in Quality of Ambaſſador from his Catholick Majeſty, and chief Agent of Don Carlos's Affairs in Italy.

The Things that now ſeem to threaten the Peace of the laſt named Country, 'tis believed might have been ſettled long ago in the Cambray Congreſs, had not the

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Emperor thrown ſo many Obſtacles in the Way. His Imperial Majeſty ſtill perſiſts in protecting the Oſtend India Company; and its reported that he is carrying on a Treaty with the King of Denmark for Ships of War and Seamen to convoy the Ships of the aforenamed Company.

This Day the Right Reverend Dr. Waugh was confirm'd Biſhop of Carliſle, at St. Mary's le Bow, and a Commiſſion is expected from the Archbiſhop of York, impowering other Biſhops to Conſecrate him. The Inſtrument containing his Majeſty's Grant and Reſtitution of the Temporalities of the Biſhoprick of Wincheſter unto the Right Reverend Dr. Willis, from the Time of the Death of the late Dr. Tremuell, is come from Hanover, as is alſo the Inſtrument for reſtoring the Temporalities of the Biſhoprick of Ely, and will both paſs the Seals in a few Days; after which the ſaid Biſhops do Homage as uſual.

The Chappel in Queen's Square in Ormond Street, which was conſecrated laſt Thurſday, is converted into a Parochial Church, by the Name of St. George the Martyr, which being in the Pariſh of St. Andrews Holburn, Dr. Sacheveral's Right is reſerv'd, alſo that of theBiſhop and Arch-Deacon; and after the Ceremony of the Conſecration was over, the Biſhop's Chaplain preached upon that Occaſion. The Reverend Mr. Brime of St. John's College Cambridge, is preſented by the Houſe to the Living of Tinch-water in the Iſle of Wight, at 400 *l.* a Year. To Day Humphrey Parſons and Frederick Child Eſqrs. appear'd at Guildhall, in order to preſent Sir John William and Mr. Lockwood, and have them regiſtred as Sheriffs; but no Notice was taken thereof: and Sir Richard Hopkins and Mr. Feaſt were ſworn into theſe Offices. This Day alſo came on the Election of a Lord Mayor, when the Majority of Hands fell upon Sir Peter Delme and Sir George Martins, and the Court of Aldermen declared the Election for the former. South Sea Stock 111, 1 Half.

There is an Account from Madrid, That Prince Pio and the Dutcheſs of Mirandula are drown'd, alſo Don Caraffa.

Edinburgh, October 3. Tueſday laſt came on the Election of Magiſtrats for this City: When the Honourable John Campbell, Eſq; Member of Parliament for this City, and who has already, with univerſal Applauſe, twice fill'd the Chair, was Unanimouſly choſen Lord Provoſt; Archibald Wallace, James Nimmo, John Fergusſon and Alexander Wilſon, Baillies; George Drummond, Dean of Guild, and William Hutton, Treaſurer: Gentlemen of unqueſtion'd Loyalty, and ſteady Adherence to the preſent Conſtitution in Church and State.

Haddington, Sept. 27.

Beſt Wheat 7 *l.* 15 *ſh.*	2*d Ditto* 7 *l.* 10 *ſh.*	3*d Ditto* 7 *l.*
Beſt Bear 7 *l.* 2 *ſh.*	2*d Ditto* 7 *l.*	3*d Ditto* 6 *l.* 14 *ſh.*
Beſt Oats 6 *l.* 12 *ſh.*	2*d Ditto* 6 *l.* 8 *ſh.*	3*d Ditto* 6 *l.*
Beſt Peaſe 6 *l.* 10 *ſh.*	2*d Ditto* 6 *l.*	3*d Ditto* 5 *l.* 16 *ſh.*

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